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SUBJECT: INDIAN TROPICAL PRODUCTS AGREEMENT

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1. THE TWENTY PRODUCTS OF INDIAN NON-PAPER ARE ARTICLE-
DESCRIPTIONS OF 20 INDIAN CUSTOMS TARIFF (ICT) NUMBERS CONTAINED
IN SCHEDULE IV OF THE INDIAN-UK TRADE AGREEMENT OF 1939.
SINCE 1939 THERE HAS BEEN A SUCCESSION OF CHANGES IN ICT NUMBERS.
THE GOI SHIFTED TO BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE (BTN) IN 1975
AND ITS CURRENT CUSTOMS NUMBERS ARE BASED ON "INDIAN CUSTOMS
TARIFF ACT, 1975."

2. THE GOI FOLLOWS A COMPLETELY DISTINCT SET OF CODE NUMBERS FOR
COMPILING IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADE STATISTICS, BASED ON "REVISED
INDIAN TRADE CLASSIFICATION-REVISION 2" (RITC) WHICH IN TURN
CORRESPONDS TO STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION.

3. IDENTIFICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO SETS OF
NUMBERS - ONE USED FOR CUSTOMS AND ANOTHER USED FOR TRADE
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STATISTICS - IS NOT PERFECT AND THE PROBLEM OF FINDING EQUIVALENT
NUMBERS HAS ALWAYS BEEN DIFFICULT FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.
THE PROBLEM IS EXACERBATED BY THE FACT THAT SOME
OF THE TWENTY ITEMS ARE MISCELLANEOUS CATEGORIES OF OTHERS, NOT
ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED, NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ETC.

4. HODA INFORMS US THAT MINISTRY OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING

TO ESTABLISH EQUIVALENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO SETS OF NUMBERS SINCE
MID-FEBRUARY. WE WILL SEND FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE TRADE
CATEGORIES AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. HODA EXPECTS TO HAVE
CORRESPONDENCE ESTABLISHED IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.
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